NACBS Council Meeting
Thursday, November 07, 2002
Holiday Inn Baltimore Inner Harbor

Present: Seth Koven (incoming program chair), Emily Tabuteau (council), Michael Moore (Albion editor), Bob Tittler (council), David Savage (NWCBS), Joe Block(PCCBS), Ginger Frost (SCBS), Angela Woollacot (program chair), Peter Hansen(webmaster), Amy Froide (NECBS), Newton Key (MWCBS), Barbara Harris (council), Gail Savage (BSI editor), Jim Epstein (JBS editor), Phillipa Levine (council), Nick Rogers (JBS editor), Eric Carlson (council), Fred Leventhal (author, committee report), David Cannadine (IHR), Bill Lubenow (MACBS), **NACBS Exec Comm:** Nancy LoPatin-Lummis, Linda Levy Peck, Patty Seleski, Phil Harling, Martin Wiener, Cynthia Herrup, Marc Baer

The meeting was called to order at 4:00

1. MSP/Tittler/Block to accept Toronto minutes as amended

-- the minutes should reflect that Marc Baer and Patty Seleski were in attendance at the Toronto Council Meeting
– the minutes should reflect under the IHR report that the Leverhulme Trust has also created a professorship in Comparative Metropolitan History

2. Treasurer's Report – a written report is on file

MSP/Rogers/Tabuteau to accept the Treasurer's Report

3. Reports from the Journals

a. JBS report – (Epstein/Rogers) – a written report is on file

-- big news is shift of office to Canada for remainder of their editorship
MSP/Tabuteau/Savage to accept JBS editors' report

b. JBS Marketing and Circulation Report

c. Albion Report – a written report is on file
MSP/Harris/Key to accept Albion editor's report

d. BSI – a written report is on line
Gail Savage reports that she is working on a more sophisticated on-line version of the BSI. She indicated that interest existed in augmenting the on-line *BSI* with articles on pedagogy.

4. Program Committee Report (Woollacott) – a written report is on file

reported on semi-Plenary Sessions – Irish Studies folks are particularly excited to come
asked Council to make special effort to welcome panelists from Paris and Russia
some question about what loss of British Council funding will mean to the program

MSP/Carlton/Cannadine **to accept the Program Committee Report**

5. Report on future venues

David Savage on 2003 in Portland with NWCBS– arrangements are on track—(Oct 24-26)
2004 – Philadelphia with MACBS@ Society Hill Sheraton
2005—Denver with WCBS – no hotel contracted yet

6. Announcement of Election results

a. Balloted Election results:

There were two seats open on the NACBS Council this year, as Robert Tittler (Concordia) and Barbara Harris (UNC) completed their terms. Elected to serve four-year terms on the Council were:

Donna Andrew (University of Guelph)
Randall McGowen (University of Oregon)

There were three seats open on the NACBS Nominating Committee this year, as Erika Rappaport (UC-Santa Barbara), Kathleen Wilson (SUNY-Stony Brook), and Lori Anne Ferrell (Claremont Graduate University) completed their terms. Elected to serve two-year terms were:

Jennifer Andersen (California State University, San Bernardino)
Ginger Frost (Samford University)
Shannon McSheffrey (Concordia University)

b. A list of new committee appointments was distributed

British Council Prize: Peter Hoffenberg (U Hawaii) to replace Dane Kenney
Snow Prize: David Lieberman (UC Berkeley) to replace Derek Hirst
Love Prize: Elizabeth Ewan (U Guelph) and John Smail (UNC-Charlotte) to replace Lori Anne Ferrell and Dan LeMahieu
NACBS -Huntington Library Fellowship: Susan Amussen (Union) and Alastair Bellamy (Rutgers) to replace Steve Pincus and Eliga Gould
NACBS Dissertation Fellowship: Randy McGowan (U Oregon) to replace Margaret Jacob
Program Committee: Seth Koven (Villanova) to replace Angela Woollacott as Chair,

Steve Pincus (Chicago) and Antoinette Burton (U IL/Champaign-Urbana) to replace Jim Rosenheim and Ian Fletcher

British Council Canadian Essay Prize Committee was announced at the Council meeting (Bob Tittler, Deborah Gordon, Lynne Wells) – because this committee was left off the distributed list by mistake

Harling raised question of electronic balloting for NACBS elections and will explore the feasibility at U Kentucky with technology folks. Carlson raised issue of establishing a down-loadable ballot for those who would prefer not to use e-mail and lose anonymity.

MSP/Block/Rogers to experiment in 2003 with e-mail ballots with down-loadable option. **Will request UChicago Press to generate address labels for all those members who do not have e-mail.**

7. Announcement of prize and fellowship recipients

John Ben Snow Prize: Jonathan Lamb (Dept. of English, Vanderbilt University), *Preserving the Self in the South Seas 1680-1840* (University of Chicago)
British Council Prize: Jonathan Rose (Dept. of History, Drew University), *The Intellectual Life of the British Working Classes* (Yale)
British Council Prize Honorable Mention: Christopher Herbert (Dept. of English, Northwestern University), *Victorian Relativity: Radical Thought and Scientific Discovery* (University of Chicago)
Walter D. Love Prize: Barbara Donagan (The Huntington Library), "The Web of Honour: Soldiers, Christians, and Gentlemen in the English Civil War." *The Historical Journal*, 44, 2 (2001), pp 365-389
NACBS Dissertation Year Fellowship: Angela Ellis, University of Wisconsin-Madison: "In Defense of yr Hen Ffydd: Early Modern Welsh Catholicism on the Southern Anglo-Welsh Border" (Advisor: J. P. Somerville)
NACBS Dissertation Year Fellowship Runner-Up: Lia Paradis, Rutgers University: "Return Ticket: The Anglo-Sudanese and the Negotiation of Identity, 1920-1965"
NACBS-Huntington Library Fellowship: Christina M. Carlson, University of Chicago (Dept. of English): "From Contract to Consent: Anti-Popery as 'Social Contract' in the Satirical Prints and Literary Satires of the Seventeenth Century in England"

8. IHR report – has raised 4.5 m pounds; now have J-STOR in library; has grant to begin digitizing History of Parliament materials, if successful with continue; History and Media conference (sponsored by History Channel in Britain) will occur in Dec 2002; 2003 Anglo-American Conference theme is the Body;

draw Council attention to report on the Mellon Fellowships – range of institutions represented, range of subjects covered and liveliness of British Studies is impressive; IHR is thrilled with how it has turned out so far. David Cannadine offered to find ways of alerting Mellon fellows to the existence of NACBS

IHR summer school on uses of Libraries and Archives

discussion of how to allocate the 10 IHR memberships that is part of NACBS & relation of American Friends of IHR

9. Report on Survey of Faculty at Teaching Colleges and Universities

results of survey were not encouraging, but there was discussion about how to piggyback plenary speakers at regional conference meetings and 'offer' them to local colleges and universities.

Perhaps this might work in Canada with help of British Council there

10. Report on Canadian portfolio

Bob Tittler reviewed the process & history of the program. He reported on current efforts by British Council there to assist them with obtaining corporate sponsorship.

11. Report from the Webmaster

Peter Hansen reminded us that just saying 'put it on the Web' is not the answer to everything, saying that the web does not work for everything

12. Future of activities previously funded by the British Council

President outlined the current program of activities supported by British Council that are affected by phase-out of British Council money as follows: 1) Grad student fellowship; 2) Book prize; 3) speaker support (1 plenary speaker at NACBS annual meeting, 1 speaker for a regional conference)
and he asked the Council the consider the issue both of how we prioritize these issues and then how to deal with this.

A discussion followed.

MSP/Harris/Block -- To keep dissertation fellowship prize at $6000

MSP/Carlson/Block – To maintain NACBS funding of the dissertation runner-up prize at the level of $2000

MSP/D. Savage/Epstein -- to rename British Council prize NACBS book prize Council to divide prize money for 2003 to $500 for each current prize -- & a committee will be named to make recommendations at 2003 Council meeting as to future direction of NACBS prize program.

13. Possible Changes in Publication in Albion and JBS

President outlined his approaches to various publishers to publish both NACBS journals (in one form or another). Those publishers are: Chicago, Johns Hopkins, University of California, Cambridge, Blackwell, & Routledge

Fred Leventhal, whose committee wrote the report, outlined the work of his committee and discussion returned to that report.

President asked the current journal editors (Moore, Epstein, Rogers) to leave the room so that Council could discuss the issues in the report. A lively discussion ensued.

MSP/Tittler/D. Savage/to instruct Executive Committee to pursue option 3 out of Leventhal report (entertain proposals from publishers to publish both journals or one larger combined journal)

The President outlined a procedure to move forward. Those presses who were interested in working with NACBS would prepare a complete proposal for the NACBS executive committee meeting in Chicago at the AHA. After that, the Executive Committee would share the proposals with the Council and the journal editors. At some point it is likely that Executive, with e-mail Council input would focus on a small subset of the proposals and workout details with finalists/presses during the spring. This would also include e-mail conversation with Council and doing things like contacting scholarly organizations whose journals and member services are also handled at the presses in question. The end result that the Executive Committee will to come to the Portland meeting next year with recommendations (most likely a recommendation to accept a specific publishing proposal) about how to move forward with NACBS's publishing program for discussion and disposition by the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12